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PROJECT BACKFIRE NETS AN ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL

**– Louisville Man Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison
On Drugs and Firearms Offenses –**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JEREMI CAPRI TAYLOR**, age 32, 828 Fountain Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** to 18 years in prison and five years of supervised release following the completion of his 18 year prison sentence for conspiring to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute, drug trafficking, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and being an armed career criminal. **There is no parole in the federal system.**

On October 2, 2003, Jefferson County Probation and Parole searched **Taylor's** residence located at 828 Fountain Ave, Louisville, Kentucky, where law enforcement found a substantial amount of cocaine and three weapons. Two of the weapons were in a chest drawer and the third was lying next to the cocaine inside a safe. Based upon information developed at **Taylor's** Fountain Avenue address, police obtained a search warrant for another residence located at 2505 Crosshill Court in Louisville. At 2505 Crosshill Court, police found more cocaine and two additional firearms.

The total amount of cocaine seized was 435.7 grams which **Taylor** possessed with the intent to distribute. Additionally, **Taylor** possessed the three firearms at his Fountain Avenue residence in furtherance of his drug trafficking crime.

On October 2, 2003, **Taylor** was in possession of five firearms after having been previously convicted of robbery in the second degree (two counts) and burglary in the first degree (two counts) in Jefferson Circuit Court. **Taylor's** history of committing violent crimes classified him as an armed career criminal under federal law.

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Project Backfire is an ongoing commitment by the United States Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to prosecute in federal court firearms offenses and the violent offenders who commit them. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Jefferson County Department of Probation and Parole, the 6th Division of the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

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